cord Office were again informed about it. This is not a case of robbery as reported in the Press. No police officer was found at fault.

Perquisites of the Members of Export Promotion Council

1688. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Export Promotion Council members are entitled for remuneration, allowances etc. for attending meetings of the Council; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The entitlement of the Members of the Council for remuneration, allowances etc., for attending the meetings of Committee of Administration, Executive Committee, working Committee, Managing Committee and their sub-Committees is regulated as per the provisions of the articles of association of the respective Export Promotion Councils. The position varies from Council to Council while in some of the Councils there is no provision for payment of any kind of remuneration, allowances etc. to the Members for attending the meetings, a few councils do provide for some sort of payment by way of out of pocket allowance in the nature of air fare etc.

1689. [*Transferred to the 2nd December,* 1988].

Competition in the Market of EEC

1690. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is facing serious competition in the market of European Economic Community from the developing countries;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to meet the challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) Competition in the international market is very severe. In the EEC, India is facing competition not only from developing countries but also from developed countries including those within the EEC. Despite this, India's export to EEC increased from 2803.71 crores in 1986-87 to 3954.94 crores in 1987-88. Measures taken to increase exports include implementation of Trade Promotion Programmes, participation in international trade fairs, exchange of delegations, buyer-seller meets etc.

Ninth Finance Commission

1691. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations from certain States to the effect that their legitimate claims have been ignored by the Ninth Finance Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Action against Government-run units for not taking pollution control measures

1692. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recently ordered closure of some Government-run industrial units for failing to take pollution control measures; and